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ATHENS FOR UNDERSECRETARY SISCO'S PARTY

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SUBJ: PRIMIN ECEVIT SPEAKS TO PRESS: GREEK AMBASSADOR
TO ANKARA RESIGNS.

REF: A. ANKARA 5681; B. FBIS KYRENIA 191043Z (NOTAL)

1. PRIMIN ECEVTI, FOLLOWING HIS RETURN IN EARLY MORNING OF JULY 19 (REF A), CALLED ON CHIEF OF TURKISH GENERAL STAFF (TGS) AND FORCE COMMANDERS, AND THEN CONVENED CABINET FOR TWO SEPARATE MEETINGS BEFORE SEEING PRESIDENT AT 1100. ACCORDING TO 1200 NEWS BROADCAST, BEFORE 1030 CABINET MEETING ECEVIT WAS ASKED BY JOURNALIST WHETHER ENOSIS (UNION WITH GREECE) COULD BE CONSIDERED AS HAVING BEEN DECLARED BY AN INDIRECT GREEK COUP WITHOUT ACTUALLY CALLING IT ENOSIS. ECEVIT REPORTEDLY REPLIED: "IT CAN BE CONSIDERED AS SUCH".

2. FOLLOWING 1100 CALL ON PRESIDENT, PRIMIN TOLD MEDIA THAT HE HAD BRIEFED PRESIDENT ON HIS CONTACTS IN LONDON. HE STATED THAT HE WOULD MEET WITH UNDERSECRETARY SISCO, WHO IS ARRIVING IN ANKARA THIS EVENING. WHEN REMINDED BY JOURNALIST THAT MAKARIOS WAS AGAINST UN INTERVENTION IN CYPRUS, ECEVIT RESPONDED: "I HOPE THAT SUCH A NECESSITY WILL NOT ARISE". ASKED ABOUT GOT DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS AND WHETHER TIME WAS WORKING AGAINST TURKEY, HR REPLIED: "EVERY EFFORT IN THIS FIELD SHOULD BE MADE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. A POSITIVE RESULT MAY OR MAY NOT BE ACHIEVED THROUGH THESE EFFORTS. WE MUST ESTABLISH THIS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND DETERMINE OUR POSITION. DON'T WORRY." (REF B)

3. UK EMBASSY, WHICH HAD LEARNED OF MATTER FROM GREEK DCM HIS MORNING (JULY 19), HAS CONFIRMED TO US PRESS REPORT THAT GREEK AMBASSADOR TO ANKARA COSMADOPOULOS HAS SUBMITTED HIS RESIGNATION(WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN ACCEPTED). BRITISH HAVE NOT YET LEARNED REASON FOR RESIGNATION.

4. DEPUTY PRIMIN ERBAKAN ON JULY 18 TOLD PRESS HAT PARLIAMENT WILL CONVENE ON JULY 20 TO HEAR FROM ECEVIT ON CYPRUS SITUATION.
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HE SAID HE EXPECTED THE GOVERNMENT ON JULY 20 "TO RECEIVE THE NECESSARY POWERS FROM PARLIAMENT" CONCERNING CYPRUS. MEANWHILE, PRINCIPAL OPPOSITION LEADER AND JUSTICE PARTY CHAIRMAN DEMIREL STATED ON JULY 18 THAT "TURKEY NO LONGER HAD A SINGLE ROCK TO LOSE TO GREECE", AND THAT TURKEY WAS UNITED ON CYPRUS QUESTION. DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIRMAN BOZBEYLI ON SAME DATE CREITICIZED GOVERNMENT FOR NOT INTERVENING IMMEDIATELY.

5. FINALLY, MFA ON JULY 18 BRIEFED NINE ARAB DIPLOMATS
(EGYPT, IRAQ, KUWAIT, LEBANON, ALGERIA, TUNISIA, SYRIA,
LIBYA AND SAUDI ARABIA). TUNISIAN CHARGE TOLD PRESS, FOLLOWING
MEETING, THAT "WE ARE ON THE SIDE OF TURKEY."
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